

REMARKS

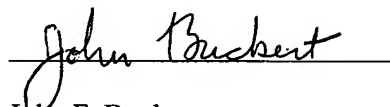
In the pending application, claims 1, 2, 3, 5-14, 16-24 were presented for examination. Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 6-14 and 16-22 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-3 and 5.

Claims 1, 23, 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) based on Reed (U.S. Patent No. 2,815,895). Claims 23 and 24 are cancelled thereby rendering the rejection with regard to the same as moot. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3, which was indicated as allowable subject matter. Thus, claim 1 is now believed to be in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, claim 3 has also been cancelled.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If there are any charges due with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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